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The newsletter for and about the members of the
LOUDOUN COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SYSTEM

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Back Row: Mike Johnson, Brandon Frieder, Mike Guck, Kevin Jacobson, Patrick Dougherty and Mark Wynkoop.

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Thanks Sterling Volunteer Rescue Squad!

Loudoun County Fire and Rescue Department has entered into a pilot partnership with the Sterling Volunteer Rescue Squad Inc. to complete an ALS precepting program. Locally authorized preceptors were tasked with overseeing and supporting the individual preceptees for the duration of their education. Two career members, a preceptor and a preceptee, have engaged with a volunteer provider in this effort.

The program was set up so that on scheduled workdays, SVRS assigns at least one- (1) minimally EVOC/CPR-HCP certified member to this unit. The member has primary responsibility to operate the unit and function to assist in all aspects of patient care. However, adjustments to the assigned positions have been made on a call-by-call basis. This was done as deemed necessary. (e.g. on a BLS call the volunteer EMT-B should be given preference to precept or operate as the attendant in charge). Additional SVRS advanced life support or basic life support preceptees have given opportunities to precept for the mutual benefit of the SVRS and LCFR.

The partnership allows the Loudoun County Fire-Rescue System to capitalize by sharing resources, personnel, experience, and patient contacts in the Sterling region. This agreement exemplifies the positive attitude(s) required for Loudoun County to become the "model" combination system in the nation. Sterling Volunteer Rescue Squad was approached by the Department to enter into this agreement, and graciously agreed. It is believed that this endeavor has allowed all advanced life support students/preceptees to reap the benefits of Sterling Volunteer Rescue Squad's aggressive environment.

This program has provided an invaluable resource to the Loudoun County Fire-Rescue Department and we would like to take this opportunity to thank the Sterling Volunteer Rescue Squad for hosting this unique opportunity.

Submitted by Battalion Chief Linda Hale

NEED VOLUNTEER ARTICLES & PHOTOGRAPHS

**Send to Frankie at Fire & Rescue Services
or
E-MAIL ARTICLES TO: frust@loudoun.gov**

COMPANY NEWS

LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR BENEFITS

The Volunteer Retention & Recruitment Committee (R&R) will be receiving company volunteer retirement point forms and Vehicle Personal Property Tax Reduction (PPTR) Forms at the Fire-Rescue Training Center on:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

A designated person in your company, along with the company president, will be submitting all point records on one of these days. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE** for getting your point information to your company representative, and for correctly completing the PPTR Form. **IF YOU FAIL** to take this responsibility seriously, you can expect to lose your retirement benefit for the year, and to get a hefty tax bill on your car. If you want to retain these benefits, **YOU MUST:**

- **SUBMIT YOUR POINT INFORMATION** well before the day your company is scheduled to meet with the R&R Committee. It may take several days to a week for the information to be entered into the database and a points record produced for your signature.
- **SIGN YOUR FORMS** – Your PPTR Form must be signed on both the front and the back. It must be submitted at the same time as your point record, which must also be signed.

Retirement Point Coordinators: Please be sure to make copies of the forms that you will be submitting **BEFORE** you arrive for your appointment. The R&R Committee is not responsible for providing copies, and the copier at the Training Center will not be available during check-in.

Any problems with data entry should be promptly referred to Frankie Rust at 703-777-0568. Data entry must be completed before your scheduled appointment with the Benefits Committee. You will not have access to the 2002-2003 point records after you check in your company's forms.

R&R COMMITTEE

Allie Love, Chair, Co. 3/Commission;

Colleen Okoniewski, Co. 6; Jeannie Cooper, Co. 7;

Tom Dean, Co. 8; Sara Chamblin, Co. 9; Bev Taylor, Co. 11;

Sheila Brendel, Co. 12; Deb Matthews, Co. 13; Bill Lyden, Co. 15;

Terry Kellogg, Mgmt./Benefits; Frankie Rust, LCFRS.

LCFR Recruits Take 2nd in Fire Division at Arlington 5k

Saturday, September 6 recruits from class 8 and 9 participated in the Arlington Police/ Fire / Sheriff 9-11 Memorial 5K. There were 1671 runners for this second annual event.

The Loudoun County Fire and Rescue recruit class team received second place in the fire division with the fastest being recruit Greg Moore (20:05), recruit Mark Wynkoop (20:57), recruit Patrick Dougherty (23:11) and recruit Kevin Jacobson (23:35). Recruit Greg Moore received third place for males in the fire division and recruit Mark Wynkoop received fourth in the fire division for males.

The participants from recruit class 8 were recruit Patrick Dougherty and recruit Mark Wynkoop. The participants from recruit class 9 were recruits Eric Banfe, Brandon Freider, Mike Guck, Sara Henley, Kevin Jacobson, Mike Johnson and Greg Moore.

Supporters came from both classes to cheer the team on. The recruits and their families made a day of the event by visiting and barbecuing. Captain Williams was among those who came to support.

Another team was formed by Loudoun County Fire and

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DECEMBER 2003

Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meetings of the Loudoun County Fire & Rescue System

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Companies 1,3,5,6,11,16	2	3 Companies 13 & 17	4 Company 15	5	6
7	8 Companies 2,7,8,9,12 BLS Committee	9 Rescue Chiefs	10 Company 10 Retention & Recruitment Committee	11	12	13
14 Company 14	15 Company 1 ALS Committee	16 EMS Council	17 Fire Council	18	19	20
21	22 Companies 4 & 8	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Fire-Rescue Commission	31	<div> HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON! </div>		

SCHEDULED TRAINING

Pediatric Advanced Life Support
(P.A.L.S.)

November 22-23, 2003

AHA CPR-Healthcare Provider
Class #8 Sat. December 6, 2003

**Please Send Articles
and Photos to Frankie
at Fire & Rescue**

Or

**E-MAIL ARTICLES TO:
frust@loudoun.gov**

**Submission Deadline
1st week of month
prior to issue month**



Church Road Flyout-Oct. 1st - Alan Willis and Nancy Wood conducting patient care on unit 15-4.

RECRUIT CLASS # 8



(Left to Right) Front Row Tracy Lane, Phil Abruzzese, Robin Hepp, Jeff Dunn, and Brian Fluharty
2nd Row (L-R) Michael Pisauro, Joe Neiberger, Aaron Jacobs, Kyle Stephens, Mark Wynkoop, and Jeremy Dorsey
3rd Row (L-R) Steve Staley, Jasen Dodson, Patrick Dougherty, and Ed Butler.



Church Road Flyout-Oct. 1st—Moving patient to helicopter.

Recruit Class # 8 held their graduation exercises on Friday evening October 3 at Heritage High School in Leesburg. A very large crowd of well-wishers were in attendance including family members, friends of the graduates, career and volunteer staff, county dignitaries and instructors. The guest speaker for the graduation was Adam Thiel, the executive director of the Department of Fire Programs. Lt. Dannie Wilson presented the top recruit award to Aaron Jacobs, Lt. Josh Cooper presented the sergeant-at-arms award to Phil Abruzzese. Chief Bob Griffin, Captain Corey Parker, Commissioner Doug Rambo, Technician Jamie Cooper and class spokesperson Joe Neiberger also spoke during the graduation. The new firefighters were sworn in by the Chief Deputy Clerk of the Court.

Here are the assignments where the new firefighters will work:

Phil Abruzzese-Station 4, Ed Butler-Station 9, Jasen Dodson-Station 19, Jeremy Dorsey-Station 12, Patrick Dougherty-Station 19, Jeff Dunn-Station 19, Brian Fluharty-Station 4, Robin Hepp-Station 19, Aaron Jacobs-Station 20, Tracy Lane-Station 20, Joe Neiberger-Station 5, Michael Pisauro-Station 7, Steve Staley-Station 12, Kyle Stephens-Station 7, and Mark Wynkoop-Station 5.

Have a Great
Thanksgiving!

RECRUIT CLASS # 9



(Left to Right) Front Row: Dan Shealy and Kevin Jacobson
2nd Row: Doug Wright, Brandon Frieder, and Greg Moore
3rd Row: Mike Guck and Mike Johnson
4th Row: Marty Rutledge and Justin Gershon
5th Row: Denise Woods, Sara Henley, Eric Banfe and Shawn Fluharty.



Church Road Flyout-Oct. 1st—Preparing patient for transport.

Recruit Class # 9 began their new career with Loudoun County on July 17, 2003. They will embark on 20 weeks of Recruit School. This is the first time that Loudoun County has had 2 recruit schools in session at the same time. Recruit Class # 8, which began in May, had been in class about 10 weeks when Class # 9 started. Recruit Class # 9 will graduate on December 19, 2003. The graduation will be held at Heritage High School in Leesburg at 7:00 p.m. Recruit Class # 9 will have their Challenge Exercises on December 12, 2003.

Here is a list of Recruit Class # 9 and where they are from:

Eric Banfe - Smithsburg, Maryland; Shawn Fluharty - Mannington, West Virginia; Brandon Frieder - Colonia, New Jersey; Justin Gershon - Albany, New York; Mike Guck - Dale City, Virginia; Sara Henley - Sterling, Virginia; Kevin Jacobson - Leesburg, Virginia; Mike Johnson - Martinsburg, West Virginia; Greg Moore - Woodstown, New Jersey; Marty Rutledge - Walkersville, Maryland; Dan Shealy - Hagerstown, Maryland; Denise Woods - Middletown, Maryland; Doug Wright - Frederick, Maryland.

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Rescue career staff and consisted of Captain Daniel Neal (Station 13), Lt. Kevin Stiles (Station 13) and Firefighter John Rice (Station 6). A good time was had by all and the participants look forward to running again next year.

Congratulations!



Recruit Class # 9 shows their pride and unity in forming the number 9 in this picture, which was taken from the aerial ladder off of Quint-18 at the Training Center.



Church Road Flyout-Oct. 1st

All Church Road Flyout Photographs Courtesy of John Cummings, 15

Released Advanced Life Support Personnel

The following personnel have been released to operate independent of preceptorship at their designated level:

Michael Bower, Co. 6 - ST/E
 Julius Horvath, Co. 6 - ST/E
 Michael Behret, LCFR - CT/I/P
 Catherine Ippolito, LCFR - ST/E
 Michael Nichols, LCFR - ST/E
 Daniel Rinehart, LCFR - ST/E
 Todd Wenner, LCFR - ST/E

Congratulations!

FLU VACCINATIONS SESSIONS

Public Safety Personnel:

Monday, November 3rd

3:00 - 5:00 P.M.

No. Virginia Justice Academy
 45299 Research Place, Ashburn
 (Ashburn Sheriff's Sub-Station)

Wednesday, November 5th

6:00 - 8:30 P.M.

Loudoun Public Health Dept.
 102 Heritage Way, Suite # 100
 Leesburg (Front of Walmart)

Friday, November 7th

7:00 - 8:30 A.M.

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 102 Heritage Way, Suite # 100
 Leesburg (Front of Walmart)

Remember to bring your fire-rescue photo ID card with you!

If you cannot make any of the above sessions, call the Loudoun County Public Health Department at 703-777-0236 to obtain their regular hours of operation.

CAD STREETS - SEPTEMBER

Street Name	Cross-Street	Subdivision	1st Engine	1st Amb	Box
Arthur Pl	Longacre Dr	Cedar Hunt	19	19	19-2
Canoe Landing Ct	Vestals Pl	Lansdowne on the Potomac	6	6	6-1
Dapper Ct	Longacre Dr	Cedar Hunt	19	19	19-2
Flemming Dr	Arthur Pl	Cedar Hunt	19	19	19-2
Lemon Tree Pl	Longacre Dr	Cedar Hunt	19	19	19-2
Longacre Dr	Newcastle Dr	Cedar Hunt	19	19	19-2
Mimosa Tree Ct	Longacre Dr	Cedar Hunt	19	19	19-2
Sandbar Tr	Tall Cedars Pkwy	Stone Ridge North	9	9	9-9
Summit View Ln	Shannondale Rd	Martin Family	4	4	4-1
Vestals Pl	Kipheart Dr	Lansdowne on the Potomac	6	6	6-1

CHECK YOUR ID CARD'S EXPIRATION DATE

Your Fire-Rescue ID card does have an expiration date. If you need a new card due to the expiration date, please contact Frankie Rust at 703-777-0568 (need correct spelling of last name) or e-mail frust@loudoun.gov. The card will be processed with the same photograph and sent to the company president for distribution.

If you do not want to use the same photograph, you have to go to Communications for a new photograph, then the card will be processed and sent to the company president. Remember to call first.

Thanks!